

SPORT FISHING

Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-R-02-06

Issued at Douglas: April 14, 2006

Effective Date: 12:01 A.M. Monday, May 1, 2006

Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. December 31, 2006, unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

EXPLANATION:

The Southeast Alaska King Salmon Management plan stipulates, sport fishing bag, possession and annual limits will be based upon the preseason king salmon abundance index as determined by the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The abundance index for the 2006 season is 1.69 which dictates that the resident bag limit will be three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length and anglers may use two rods from October 2006 through March 2007; the nonresident angler bag limit will be two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length during May and one king salmon for the remainder of 2006; and the nonresident annual limit will be four king salmon.

REGULATION:

The provisions of 5 AAC 47.020 (18) are added by this emergency order and become effective at 12:01 A.M. Monday, May 1, 2006.

5 AAC 47.020 General provisions for seasons and bag, possession, annual, and size limits for the salt waters of the Southeast Alaska Area.

(18) king salmon:

(A) the resident bag limit is three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length; anglers may use two rods from October through March;

(B) the nonresident bag limit is two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length in May and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for the remainder of the year; with an annual limit of four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

McKie Campbell,
Commissioner

By delegation to:

Charles O. Swanton,
Regional Management Biologist

JUSTIFICATION: The king salmon sport fishery in Southeast Alaska is managed under the directives of the Southeast King Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 47.055). This plan prescribes management

measures instituted by the department for the king salmon sport fishery founded upon the preseason abundance index determined by the Chinook Technical Committee (CTC) of the Pacific Salmon Commission. The preseason abundance index for the 2006 season is 1.69 which equates to 64,170 king salmon allocated to the sport fishery. Given this harvest guideline, the plan provides for implementing a three king salmon 28 inches or greater in length bag and possession limit for residents and the opportunity to use two rods from October through March; a nonresident bag and possession limit of two king salmon 28 inches or greater in length during May and one king salmon 28 inches or greater in length for the remainder of the year and an annual limit of four king salmon 28 inches or greater in length.

These regulations are anticipated to be in effect for the remainder of the season and therefore afford sport anglers regulatory stability and the opportunity to harvest the sport fishery allocation.

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